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ANNUAL REPORTS

Town of CANTERBURY



**For Year Ending January 31,
1925**

ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

TOWN OFFICERS

OF THE

Town of Canterbury

COMPRISING THOSE OF THE

Selectmen, Treasurer, Town Clerk,
School Board, Librarian, and
Trust Fund Trustees

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING JANUARY 31, 1925

W. B. RANNEY CO., PRINTERS, PENACOOK, N. H.

MODERATOR

ROBERT FRAME

CLERK

HARRY H. HOUSER

TAX COLLECTOR

SAM S. CONANT

TREASURER

SAM W. LAKE

SELECTMEN

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W. W. PAUL

GEO. C. ASBY

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WM. W. WHEELER

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AUETTE CHUTE

JOHN BECK

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MERRILL S. RANDALL

CONSTABLE

G. L. TALLMAN

HEALTH OFFICER

G. L. TALLMAN

TRUSTEES OF LIBRARY

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W. W. PAUL

E. F. HOUSER

BUDGET OF TOWN OF CANTERBURY

SOURCES OF REVENUE	Actual Revenue 1924	Estimated Revenue 1925
Railroad tax	\$240.79	\$240.79
Savings Bank tax	1,659.82	1,659.82
State Aid maintenance	428.38	600.00
Interest and dividend tax	340.26	340.26
Auto licenses, etc.	1,098.05	1,000.00
Interest on taxes	92.79	25.00
Dog licenses	132.00	132.00
Cemetery Trust fund	100.00	
Town history	10.00	
From poll tax	1,140.00	1,100.00
Taxes col. from previous yr.	2,790.05	2,790.05
Trunk line const., for new const. only	4,355.33	3,000.00
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	\$12,387.37	\$10,887.91
Am't raised by property tax	\$12,917.75	\$11,000.00
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Total	\$25,305.22	\$21,887.91

BUDGET OF EXPENDITURES

	Actual Expenditures Previous Year	Estimated Expenditures Ensuing Year
Town officers' salaries	\$475.00	\$800.00
Town officers' expenses	291.22	275.00
Election and registration	152.50	150.00
Damage by dogs	60.00	100.00
Care and supplies Town Hall	80.33	75.00
Damages to car	250.00	
Fire Department	76.66	75.00
Health Department	31.00	25.00
Vital Statistics	7.90	10.00
State aid maintenance from state	406.98	700.00
State aid maintenance from town	406.98	700.00
Trunk line maintenance from state		100.00
Trunk line maintenance from town		100.00
Town maintenance	3,506.37	4,500.00
Gen. Exp. Highway Dept.	392.40	400.00
Libraries	185.00	85.00
Town poor	312.50	300.00
Memorial Day, etc.	65.00	65.00
Cemeteries	25.00	25.00
Int. on temporary loans	6.95	50.00
Abatements	262.06	200.00
Int. on principal Trust Funds	52.00	52.00
Trunk line Constr. from state	4,355.33	3,000.00
Trunk line Constr. from town		350.00
Payment on long term notes	1,638.88	500.00
State taxes	1,736.50	1,736.50
County taxes	1,389.82	1,389.82
Special poll taxes	512.00	600.00
Payment to school districts	6,410.00	6,500.00
Bounties	1.00	140.00
Outstanding order	7.50	
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	\$23,096.78	\$23,003.32

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

Valuation of Town, April 1, 1924

Real estate	\$602,672.00
139 horses	14,870.00
1 mule	75.00
16 oxen	1650.00
341 cows	16,395.00
55 neat stock	1,820.00
97 sheep	789.00
4465 fowl	4,465.00
1 portable mill	1,000.00
Wood and lumber	31,760.00
1 gas tank	400.00
Stock in trade	4,650.00
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Total inventory	\$680,546.00
Soldiers' exemption	6,435.00
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Taxable inventory	\$674,111.00

TAXES AUTHORIZED IN 1924

Regular state tax	\$1,736.50
Special \$2.00 poll tax, state, 309	618.00
County tax	1,389.82
Highway money	3,000.00
State aid maintenance	600.00
To repair bridges	100.00
Care of and supplies for town hall	60.00
Old Home Day etc.	65.00
Library	40.00
Schools	6,410.00
Fire department	93.40
Health Dept. and vital statistics	25.95
General expense highway department	173.70
Town poor	537.99
Cemeteries	20.00
Interest on indebtedness	389.90
P. I. highways	830.33
Police department	20.00
Election and registration	150.00
Town officers' expenses	273.23
Town officers' salaries	821.90
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Total	\$17,355.72
Deduct 297 polls @ \$5.00	1,485.00
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	\$15,870.72
Overlay	232.89
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	\$16,103.61
674,111 @ \$2.40	16,178.66
Deduct taxes not assessed for schools (taxed in Concord and Boscawen)	84.55
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	\$16,094.11

Add school tax	10.16
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	\$16,104.27
Poll taxes	1,485.00
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	\$17,589.27

Tax rate \$2.40 on \$100

BALANCE SHEET JANUARY 1st, 1925

Assets

Cash in hand of town treasurer	\$2,896.74
Taxes not collected (1919-20-21-22) due town	
Collector Cogswell	2,748.74
Taxes not collected (1923-24) due town	
Collector Conant	3,770.17
Due from Town History committee	321.00
For county poor	53.99
Bounties due from State	26.60
Balance State aid maintenance	302.46
Balance State aid construction	489.60

Total assets	\$10,509.30
Total liabilities	7,177.50

Excess of assets over liabilities (surplus)	\$3,431.80
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Liabilities

Jan. 31, 1925 Mrs. A. B. Chute @ $4\frac{1}{2}\%$	\$400.00
Jan. 31, 1925 Martha A. Carter @ $4\frac{1}{2}\%$	800.00
Jan. 31, 1925 Addie M. Dow @ $4\frac{1}{2}\%$	1,500.00
Jan. 31, 1925 Sarah Hutchins	500.00
Church funds	1,200.00
Dog tax due schools	126.00
Poll taxes due state	456.00
Balance State aid maintenance	302.46
Permanent improvement	830.33
Back balance State aid Constr. (old Acct.)	1,062.71

Total liabilities	\$7,177.50
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RECEIPTS

Receipts for year ending January 31st, 1925

1. Property and poll taxes	\$16,847.80
2. Interest on taxes	92.79

From State:

3. Railroad and Savings Bank tax	1,900.61
4. For State aid maintenance	428.38
5. For trunk line construction	4,355.33
6. Interest and dividend tax	340.26

From local sources except taxes:

7. Dog licenses	132.00
8. Business license and permit	5.00
9. Permits for registration motor vehicles	1,093.05
10. Cemetery Trust Fund	100.00
11. Town History	10.00

Receipts other than current revenue:

12. Temporary loans	2,000.00
Cash on hand beginning of year	688.30

\$27,993.52

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Auto Permits

Received for auto permits to January 31, 1925:

107 for full year	\$760.23
9 for part year	23.17
52 for part of 1925	309.65

\$1,093.05

Paid S. W. Lake, Treasurer	\$1,093.05
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HARRY H. HOUSER,
Town Clerk.

Dog Licenses

42 males	\$84.00
8 females	40.00
4 strayed	2.00

\$132.00

Paid S. W. Lake, Town Treasurer	\$132.00
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HARRY H. HOUSER,
Town Clerk.

REPORT OF TREASURER

Receipts

1924		
Feb. 1.	Balance in treasury	688.30
Feb. 15.	Ervin Cogswell (1922 taxes)	300.04
Feb. 15.	Ervin Cogswell Int. on '22 taxes	52.68
Feb. 15.	Ervin Cogswell (1921 taxes)	165.11
Feb. 15.	Ervin Cogswell Int. on '21 taxes	13.19
Feb. 15.	Ervin Cogswell (1920 taxes)	38.80
Feb. 15.	Ervin Cogswell Int. on '20 taxes	8.61
Feb. 23.	J. S. Morrill Est. (cemetery)	100.00
	Josephine Brown (Town History)	10.00
	H. H. Houser (auto permits)	1,093.05
Aug. 13.	H. H. Houser, candidate fee	2.00
Sept. 9.	Mrs. Fred Bradford, from license	3.00
Dec. 1.	Railroad tax	240.79
Dec. 1.	Savings Bank tax	1,659.82
	From State tax on interest and dividends	340.26
	Nat'l State Capital Bank	2,000.00
	H. H. Houser, dog licenses	132.00
	Rec'd from S. S. Conant, taxes	16,343.85
	Rec'd from S. S. Conant, interest	18.31
	From State highway Dept.	4,783.71
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		\$27,993.52

Expenditures

Town orders paid	\$23,360.28
State tax paid	1,736.50
Balance on hand	2,896.74
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	\$27,993.52

SAM W. LAKE,
Treasurer.

PAYMENTS

General Government:

1. Town Officers' salaries and expenses	\$766.22
2. Election and Registration expenses	152.50
3. Expenses Town Hall	80.33

Protection Personal Property:

4. Fire expenses	76.66
5. Bounties	1.00
6. Damage by dogs	60.00
7. Health	38.90

Highways and Bridges:

8. Town Maintenance	3,506.37
9. State Aid Maintenance	813.86
10. General expenses highway department	392.40
11. Trunk line construction	4,355.33
12. Libraries	185.00
13. Charities (Town Poor)	312.50
14. Patriotic purposes	65.00
15. Cemeteries	25.00
16. Damages and legal expenses	250.00
17. Abatements refunded	262.06
18. Interest	58.95

Indebtedness:

19. Payment on temporary loans	2,000.00
20. Payment on long term notes	1,638.88
21. Outstanding orders paid	7.50
22. Payments to other Governmental Divisions:	
Taxes paid to State	1,736.50
Taxes paid to County	1,389.82
Special poll taxes	512.00
Payment to School Districts	6,410.00

Total payments	\$25,096.78
Cash on hand, Jan. 31st, 1925	2,896.74
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	\$27,993.52

DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENT

General Government

Detail 1. Salaries Town Officers

Robert Frame, moderator	\$25.00
W. W. Paul, selectman	100.00
G. C. Ashby, selectman	100.00
H. R. Colby, selectman	100.00
S. W. Lake, treasurer	100.00
H. H. Houser, town clerk	50.00
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	\$475.00

Expenses Town Officers

W. B. Ranney Co., printing Town Reports	\$128.50
Postage	8.76
Evans Printing Co., 300 blanks	9.38
Edson C. Eastman, stationery	16.81
Automotive Service Bureau	23.22
W. P. Farmer, Assessors' Association	2.00
Buxton and Sherburne, bonds	17.00
C. Elliot Morrill	2.00
H. R. Colby, miscellaneous expenses	25.00
H. H. Houser, dog licenses	10.80
H. H. Houser, issuing auto licenses	47.75
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	\$291.22

Detail 2. Election and Registration

Sam Lake, ballot clerk	\$9.00
Wm. C. Tallman, ballot clerk	9.00
B. G. Wheeler, ballot clerk	6.00
R. C. Colby, supervisor	44.00
Alvah Blake, supervisor	30.00
Sterling B. Hirtle, supervisor	30.00

Albi Cass, ballot clerk	2.50
F. P. Cass, ballot clerk	6.00
Clifford Davis, ballot clerk	3.00
Printing check list	13.00
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	\$152.50

Detail No. 3. Expenses Town Hall

H. H. Houser, janitor	\$50.00
C. E. Stewart, wood	20.00
Repairs on clock	10.33
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	\$80.33

Detail No. 4. Fire Expenses

Belmont Fire Department	\$14.00
John T. Fletcher, fighting fire	1.66
N. W. Kennedy	9.00
Lowell T. Mason, fire warden	38.00
A. H. Blake	14.00
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	\$76.66

Detail No. 5. Bounties

A. B. Chute, 2 hedgehogs	\$0.40
H. H. Houser, 3 hedgehogs	.60
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	\$1.00

Detail 6. Damage by Dogs

S. A. Hirtle	\$60.00
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Detail No. 7. Vital Statistics (return of births & deaths)

A. J. Rowe	\$1.50
H. H. Houser	4.65
W. H. Mitchell	1.75
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	\$7.90

Health Department

G. L. Tallman, services as health officer	\$31.00
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HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES

Detail No. 8. Town Maintenance

David Sanborn, breaking roads	\$44.00
Chas. J. Sargent, breaking roads	37.50
C. F. Hanson, breaking roads	8.47
W. Wilson, breaking roads	6.60
Irvin Cogswell, breaking roads	2.00
Fred Bradford, breaking roads	5.00
L. A. Glines, road work	77.00
L. D. Morrill, road work	42.00
F. P. Cass, road work	135.00
Jos. M. Houser, breaking roads	6.00
Oscar Pickard, road work	94.33
Chas. Gilman, breaking roads	9.00
Ed Peverly, breaking roads	28.00
George Peverly, road work	100.00
Everett Kimball, road work	7.00
H. S. Streeter, road work	140.32
Ernest L. Boisvert, breaking roads	2.00
C. Emery Morrill, road work	34.22
H. R. Colby, road work	84.50
W. J. Porter, road work	22.00
Albert Laviere, road work	8.53
Clifford Davis, road work	18.50
W. W. Paul, road work	105.50
W. A. Grover, breaking roads	18.50
R. C. Colby, road work	52.50
Ernest Marston, road work	19.50
H. N. Lamprey, breaking roads	5.50
Fred Dupuy, road work	19.33
E. E. Stoops, breaking roads	31.50
Albi Cass, breaking roads	3.00

Arthur Bruce, road work	28.00
N. W. Kennedy, road work	249.22
E. Brunander, breaking roads	1.00
A. B. Chute, breaking roads	9.00
W. A. Kenney, road work	30.00
Theo. Kenney, road work	12.00
F. S. Davis, road work	137.28
Ernest Lawrence, gravel	14.30
Chas. Lucier, road work	22.25
M. S. Randall, road work, agt. & team & exp.	1,056.43
Fred Kurr " " " "	34.48
S. B. Kenniston " " " "	18.00
L. C. Allen " " " "	12.00
G. H. Taylor " " " "	1.75
N. Rheaume " " " "	1.75
C. E. Stewart " " " "	50.50
S. S. Conant " " " "	88.50
Sebon Johanson " " " "	3.00
F. Lyford " " " "	3.00
S. Clarke, gas and oil	22.45
J. T. Fletcher, road work	213.16
F. E. Kimball, road work	28.00
Henry Pickard, road work	139.33
Kenneth Pope, road work	10.87
S. K. Boyce, gravel	10.00
A. E. Elliot, tractor	105.00
W. W. Wheeler, road work	5.00
Ralph Bartlett, road work	12.00
Guy Stevens, road work	21.38

Detail No. 9. State Aid Maintenance

M. S. Randall, agent	\$35.00
M. S. Randall, team	194.81
K. B. Pope, team	14.00
W. Wilson, team	14.00
N. Kennedy, team	35.00
George Peverly, team	21.00

Ed Peverly, team	17.11
Ernest Lawrence, team	21.00
F. S. Davis, team	21.00
Arthur Pickard, labor	9.00
J. T. Fletcher, labor	81.44
C. H. Pickard, labor	35.50
Oscar Pickard, labor	15.00
H. S. Streeter, labor	9.00
P. G. Wheeler, labor	24.50
H. H. Houser, labor	10.50
Fred Kurr, labor	10.50
Guy Stevens, labor	10.50
Walter Plasteridge, gravel	7.90
Ernest Lawrence, gravel	7.30
H. R. Colby, team	31.00
R. C. Colby, team	63.00
L. E. Allen, labor	30.00
Herbert Colby, labor	25.50
Carol Colby	9.00
W. A. Kinney	33.75
S. B. Kenniston	27.75

Detail No. 10. General Expenses Highway Department

C. N. Clough & Son, damage to pulley blocks	\$10.00
Galion Iron Works, grader repairs	15.85
M. S. Randall, tools	42.05
George Asby, road scraper	10.30
B. G. Wheeler, water tub	3.00
C. E. Heath & Co., drawing plank	27.17
John A. Beck, plank ,	271.68
H. W. Carter & Co., spikes	4.35
M. S. Randall, repairs	5.00
H. H. Houser, water tub	3.00

Detail No. 11. Trunk Line Construction

Paid by State on Rocky Pond Road	\$4,355.33
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Detail No. 12. Libraries

L. A. Glines (1922 and 23 appropriation)	\$100.00
Catherine Houser, librarian	40.00
W. W. Paul, (1924 appropriation)	45.00

Detail No. 13. Town Poor

Mer. Co. Farm, (board & care Chandler Boyce)	\$110.00
Hoyt Funeral Home (care Chandler Boyce)	130.00
N. H. Orphans' Home, board Jennie Starkweather	72.50

Detail No. 14. Patriotic Purposes

George P. Morrill (Memorial Day)	\$15.00
Julia Conant (Old Home Day)	50.00

Detail No. 15. Cemeteries

F. P. Cass, on Shell Cemetery	\$9.00
C. H. Pickard & Son (Center Cemetery)	12.00
E. Marston (mowing cemetery)	4.00

Detail No. 16. Damages and Legal Expenses

George Briggs, damage to car	\$250.00
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Detail No. 17. Abatements Refunded

F. S. Davis (on 1921 taxes)	\$75.00
Robert Frame (1923 taxes)	148.66
Charles T. Foster (1924 taxes)	14.40
Weston Dow (1924 taxes)	24.00

Detail No. 18. Interest

Trustees' Trust Fund	\$52.00
Interest on temporary loan	6.95

Detail No. 19. Payment on Temporary Loans

National State Capital Bank	\$2,000.00
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Detail No. 20. Payment on Long Term Notes

Mrs. A. B. Chute	\$110.72
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Bernice Pickard	242.70
Lilla Fletcher	534.60
Addie M. Dow	353.19
Sarah E. Hutchins	194.35
Martha A. Carter	203.32

Detail No. 21. Outstanding Orders Paid

John Elfstrom	\$7.50
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Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE C. ASBY,
H. R. COLBY,
W. W. PAUL,
Selectmen of Canterbury.

REPORT OF TRUST FUNDS OF THE TOWN OF CANTERBURY, N. H., ON JAN. 31, 1925

Date of Creation	Trust Funds—Purpose of Creation	How Invested	Amt. of Principal	Rate of Int.	Bal. of Inc. Begin Yr.	Income Dur. Yr.	Expended During Yr.	Bal. of Inc. End of Yr.
1873	Benjamin Whidden Fund.....for Cong'l Church and Society.....	Note of Town.....	200	6%		12.00	12.00	
1894	James S. Elkins Fund.....for Cong'l Church and Society.....	Note of Town.....	1000	4%		40.00	40.00	
1908	Betsey Kimball Fund.....for care of Dan'l Ham burying gr'd	N. H. Savings Bank.....	200	4%	115.95	14.17	15.32	114.80
1908	Philip C. Clough Fund.....for care of cemetery lot.....	N. H. Savings Bank.....	50	4%	9.99	2.65	1.70	10.94
1909	Milton B. Neal Fund.....for care of cemetery lot.....	N. H. Savings Bank.....	100	4%	31.48	5.89	4.90	32.47
1911	Emily Clough Fund.....for care of cemetery lot.....	N. H. Savings Bank.....	200	4%	77.29	12.46	5.58	84.17
1912	F. E. and G. M. Tallant Fund.....for care of cemetery lot.....	N. H. Savings Bank.....	50	4%	2.47	2.34	1.70	3.11
1915	Judith Chase Dearborn Fund.....for care of cemetery lot.....	N. H. Savings Bank.....	50	4%	4.84	2.43	1.72	5.55
1918	Lucia Maria Elkins Fund.....for care of Jon'th'n Sargent cem. lot	N. H. Savings Bank.....	200	4%	13.59	9.58	1.35	21.82
1918	Lucia Maria Elkins Fund.....for care of James S. Elkins lot.....	N. H. Savings Bank.....	200	4%	16.60	9.72	5.58	20.74
1918	Lucia Maria Elkins..... for Elkins Public Library building and lot...	N. H. and Mer. Co. Sav. Bks.	6000	4%	868.56	302.94		1171.50

1918	Lucia Maria Elkins Fund.....	U. S. Government Bonds....	4000	4¼%	986.82	215.66	1202.48
for books for Elkins Public Library						
1918	Lucia Maria Elkins Fund.....	U. S. Government Bonds....	1000	4¼%	246.70	53.93	300.63
for repairs on Elkins Pub. Library						
1918	Lucia Maria Elkins Fund.....	U. S. Government Bonds....	6850	4¼%	651.89	319.25	871.14
for sick and indigent of the town..	B. & M. Railroad Stock....	500				
1921	Henry L. Clough Fund.....	N. H. Savings Bank.....	50	4%	1.57	2.27	3.84
for care of D. M. Clough cem. lot						
1921	Henry L. Clough Fund.....	N. H. Savings Bank.....	50	4%	2.58	2.41	4.15
for care of graves of Mrs. D. M.						
	Clough and Mary Tallant and her father						

Beneficiaries of Lucia Maria Elkins Fund

Sterling Hirtle, credits on doctors' and undertaker's
bills of deceased daughter \$100.00

CHAS. ELLIOTT MORRILL,
JOHN A. BECK,
MRS. ANNETTE CHUTE,
Trustees of Trust Funds.

COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Feb. 1, 1924, due from Collector Conant		
1923 account		\$2,524.75
Paid L. D. Morrill, treasurer	\$260.00	
Paid S. W. Lake, treasurer	2,026.10	
Feb. 1, 1925, balance due	\$238.65	
Interest paid S. W. Lake, treasurer		\$11.86
Amt. of tax committed for the year 1924		\$17,589.27
Paid S. W. Lake, treasurer	\$14,057.75	
Feb. 1, 1925, balance due	3,531.52	
		\$17,589.27

Interest paid S. W. Lake, treasurer, 1924 tax	\$6.45
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SAM S. CONANT,
Collector.

Feb. 1, 1924, due from Collector Cogswell	
1919 account	\$97.89
1920 account	305.51
1921 account	1,254.69
1922 account	1,599.60
	\$3,257.69

PAYMENTS

Louis D. Morrill, 1920 acct.	\$38.80
" " " 1920 Int.	\$8.61
" " " 1921 acct.	165.11
" " " 1921 Int.	13.19
" " " Abatement (1921)	5.00
" " " 1922 acct.	205.04

Louis D. Morrill	1922 Int.	52.68	
Sam W. Lake,	1922 acct.		95.00
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		\$74.48	\$508.95
Feb. 1, 1925, balance			\$2,748.74

The undersigned chosen to audit the accounts of the treasurer of the library, trustees of trust funds, collector, town treasurer, town clerk and selectmen of Canterbury for the year ending January 31, 1925, report that we find said accounts correctly cast and properly vouched.

WILLIAM W. WHEELER,
ROBERT FRAME,

Auditors.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

The following report for the year ending January 31, 1925, is respectfully submitted:

Books:

Number of books in library	2,329
Accession by purchase	0

Circulation:

Number of books given out	1,290
Number of cards issued	25
Amount received from fines	\$1.10

The branch library has loaned 40 books.

ELIZABETH F. HOUSER,
Librarian.

MRS. CATHERINE HOUSER,
Assistant Librarian.

Report of Library Trustees

The present Library Trustees failed to build the Library last year because of outside complications and conflicting opinions as to the site and the best way to proceed.

Mrs. Julia Conant and W. W. Paul hereby resign as trustees. Miss Houser's term expires at the time of the Town Meeting. The Committee is therefore non-existent. Three new trustees are to be elected. It is within the power of these trustees to build the Library and to select a site without dictation from the town. It is hoped new trustees will be elected and instructed to put up a library to the best of their judgement without further interference, or special Town Meetings.

(Signed) W. W. PAUL,
JULIA CONANT,
ELIZABETH F. HOUSER,

Report of Treasurer of Library Trustees

Rec'd from Leroy Glines	\$56.28
" " Town	45.00
" " Fines	2.79
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Total	\$104.07
Paid Canterbury Store Company, for books	70.95
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Balance on hand	\$33.12

Funds now in hands of S. W. Lake.

(Signed)

W. W. PAUL, Treasurer.

SCHOOL DIRECTORY

(Corrected to February 1, 1925)

School Board

Alvah H. Blake, chairman	Term expires March, 1925
Amy A. Scales, secretary	Term expires March, 1926
Frank L. Brown	Term expires March, 1927

Regular meetings on the last Saturday of each calendar month at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

District Officers

Robert Frame	Moderator
Leroy A. Glines	Clerk
Elizabeth F. Houser	Treasurer
Louis D. Morrill, Blanche Morrill	Auditors

Superintendent of Schools

George W. Sumner

Office in Penacook at 5 Center Street. Office is open on all school days from 8 o'clock in the morning until 12 o'clock noon, and from 1:30 o'clock until 5 o'clock. On Saturdays from 9 to 12. Appointments for conference with the superintendent in person can be made through the secretary.

Truant Officer

Gordon L. Tallman

Teachers

Margaret E. Gough	Blanchard School
Ervin A. Cogswell	Center School
Stella Cushing	Emery School
Leola Peverly	Kezer School
A. Frances Osborne	Uplands School

RECIPTS

July 1, 1923 to June 30, 1924

From the Selectmen raised by taxation:

For the support of elementary schools	\$5,414.90
High school and academy tuition	715.00
For salaries of district officers	130.00
For payment of per capita tax	162.00
Expenses of administration	370.00

Total amount received from taxation	\$7,010.14
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Tot. cash on hand at beginning of yr., July 1, 1923	284.35
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From State Equalization Fund	56.72
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Grand Total	\$7,132.97
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Payments

July 1, 1923 to June 30, 1924

Administration:

1. Salaries of district officers	\$115.00	
2. Superintendent's excess salary	240.00	
3. School census	10.00	
4. Expenses of administration	11.84	
	-----	\$376.84

Instruction:

5. Teachers' salaries	\$3,420.00	
6. Textbooks	159.88	
7. Scholars' supplies	116.92	
8. Flags and appurtenances		
9. Other expenses of instruction	-----	\$3,696.80

Operation and Maintenance of School Plant:

10. Janitor service	\$152.75
11. Fuel	172.99

12. Janitors' supplies	17.06	
13. Minor repairs and expenses	180.09	
	<hr/>	\$522.89

Auxiliary Agencies and Special Activities:

15. Transportation of pupils	\$745.25	
16. High School & Academy tuition	565.83	
	<hr/>	\$1,311.08

Outlay for Construction and Equipment:

23. New Equipment

Debt, Interest and Other Charges:

26. Tax for state-wide supervision	\$162.00	
27. Last year's bills	115.00	
	<hr/>	\$277.00

Tot. payments for all purposes \$6,184.61

Tot. cash on hand at end of yr., June 30, 1924 948.36

Grand Total \$7,132.97

PAYMENTS IN DETAIL**1. Salaries of District Officers**

Elizabeth F. Houser	\$25.00
Amy A. Scales	30.00
Alvah H. Blake	30.00
Frank L. Brown	30.00
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	\$115.00

2. Superintendent's Excess Salary

George E. Farrand, State Treasurer	\$240.00
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3. School Census

A. H. Blake	\$10.00
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4. Other Expenses of Administration

E. F. Houser, Treasurer's Bond	\$6.00
Harry Gray, transportation	1.00
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	\$7.00

5. Teachers' Salaries

Leola F. Houser	\$792.00
Stella Cushing	684.00
Ervin Cogswell	684.00
A. Frances Osborne	648.00
Muriel Church	612.00
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	\$3,420.00

6. Text Books

Ginn & Company	\$41.62
American Book Co.	11.36
Scott, Foreman & Co.	5.44
Benj. H. Sanborn & Co.	2.28
Edward E. Babb & Co.	37.17

Houghton Mifflin & Co.	6.51
D. C. Heath & Co.	46.75
Little, Brown & Co.	1.63
Charles Scribner Sons	4.02
Milton, Bradley Co.	3.10
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	\$159.88

7. Scholars' Supplies

Milton, Bradley & Co.	\$1.80
Penacook School District	60.52
E. E. Babb & Co.	2.50
Penacook School Dist.	52.10
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	\$116.92

10. Janitor Service

Anson Morrill, janitor	\$24.05
Alfred Bernier, janitor	7.50
Albi Cass, janitor	36.50
George Drake, cleaning vaults	3.00
Frank Brown, cleaning Upland School	3.70
Muriel Church, janitor	27.00
Stella Cushing, janitor	24.00
Arthur Brown, janitor	27.00
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	\$152.75

11. Fuel

George MacKay, 3 cords wood	\$26.00
C. Emery Morrill, 3 loads slabwood	15.00
E. Weston Dow, 2 cords wood	16.00
Sidney Clark, kerosene	.99
W. J. Wilson, 5 cords wood	60.00
George Peverly, 5 cords wood	55.00
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	\$172.99

12. Janitor Supplies

D. Warren Fox, brooms and hardware	\$9.82
H. G. Graw, oil	.62
E. E. Babb & Co., clock dial and pail	2.49
Sidney Clark, paper, broom, ink	2.23
Thompson & Hoague, faucet	1.00
B. W. Huckins, broom	.90
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	\$17.06

13. Minor repairs and Expenses

A. H. Blake, hardware, cement and labor	\$22.45
Mrs. Scott Sargent, cleaning school house	3.00
Concord Lumber Co., shingles, boards, nails	89.18
E. R. Jackson, repairing clock	1.50
Bert Sargent, 4 days labor, shingling	12.00
E. A. Cogswell, stove damper and book	1.70
Mrs. C. H. Pickard, cleaning Center school	4.00
Mrs. Bernier, cleaning Carter school	3.00
E. E. Lane, Enumeration cards	1.18
Muriel Church, 5 yards burlap	1.25
B. W. Huckins, paint, oil and turpentine	2.15
H. S. Streeter, labor at Blanchard School	6.65
A. H. Blake, labor at Blanchard and Emery	14.50
Mrs. Ervin Follansbee, cleaning at Emery	1.50
Fred Potter, repairs at Emery School	2.00
C. M. & A. W. Rolfe, lumber and window	12.17
C. H. Barnett, lumber and labor	1.86
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	\$180.09

15. Transportation of Pupils

Fred W. Bradford	\$210.00
Etta F. Chamberlain	119.25
Ralph Noyes	171.00
G. W. Hollins	245.00
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	\$745.25

16. High School Tuition

Union School District	\$350.00
Tilton School	70.00
Penacook School District	145.83
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	\$565.83

26. Tax for Supervision

George E. Farrand	\$162.00
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27. Last Year's Bills

H. Clifford Davis, janitor	\$30.00
Alfred Bernier, janitor	7.50
Tilton Seminary, tuition	27.50
Nellie M. W. Davis, medical inspection	50.00
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	\$115.00

MONEY NEEDED FOR THE COMING YEAR

July 1, 1925 to June 30, 1926

We recommend that the district raise the following amounts:

For the support of elementary schools, including text books, supplies and flags (this amount includes the amount required by law).	\$5,000.00
For salaries of officers	130.00
For Superintendent's salary	240.00
For high school and academy tuition	800.00
For per capita tax	220.00
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	\$6,390.00

ALVAH H. BLAKE,
AMY A. SCALES,
FRANK L. BROWN,
School Board.

ATTENDANCE TABLE FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1924

Schools	Length of school in weeks	Whole No. of different pupils registered			Average daily attendance	Average daily absence	Average mem- bership	Per cent. of at- tendance	No. of cases tardiness	No. of cases dismissal	No. of visits by Superintendent	No. of visits by School Board	No. of visits by others	No. of pupils not absent or tardy
		Total	Boys	Girls										
Blanchard	36	18	9	9	15	1	16	92	248	10	15	11	177	0
Center	36	19	10	9	14	2	16	90	11	41	13	8	50	0
Emery	36	23	11	12	16	1	17	94	68	5	14	7	22	1
Kezer	36	28	10	18	16	2	18	89	101	19	14	6	22	0
Uplands	36	15	9	6	12	1	13	96	25	21	13	7	82	3
Entire District	36	103	49	54	73	7	80	91	453	96	69	39	353	4

ROLL OF HONOR

Pupils not absent or tardy for the school year ending
June 30, 1924.

Norman Follansbee	Emery School
Murray H. Brown	Uplands School
George N. Dearborn	Uplands School
Leonard E. Follansbee	Uplands School

GRADUATES FROM EIGHTH GRADE

Susan Lake	Emery School
Arnold Bradford	Kezer School
Caroline Davis	Kezer School
Evelyn M. Brown	Uplands School

PUPILS IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS**Fall Term, 1924**

Penacook High School:

Erma Stewart	Thelma Porter
Joseph Houser	Evelyn Brown

Concord High School:

Leon Brown	Marion Morrill
Mary Clough	Hazel Stewart

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Winter term of 10 weeks opens Monday, January 5, 1925
Winter term closes Friday, March 13th, 1925

Vacation, three weeks

Spring term of 10 weeks opens Monday, April 6, 1925
Spring term closes Friday, June 12, 1925

Summer vacation

Fall term of 16 weeks opens Monday, August 31st, 1925
Fall term closes Friday, December 18th, 1925

Vacation, two weeks

Winter term of 10 weeks open Monday, January 4th, 1926
Winter term closes Friday, March 12th, 1926

Vacation, three weeks

Spring term of ten weeks opens Monday, April 5, 1926
Spring term closes Friday, June 11, 1926

CANTERBURY TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER'S REPORT

Report from June 30, 1923 to June 30, 1924

Receipts

1923		
June 30.	Balance on hand	\$284.35
1924		
Apr. 7.	State Equalization Fund	56.72
	Orders on town treasurer	6,791.90
		<hr/> \$7,132.97

Expenditures

	Orders issued by school board	\$6,184.61
1924		
June 30.	Balance on hand	948.36
		<hr/> \$7,132.97

ELIZABETH F. HOUSER,
Treasurer.

We have examined the accounts of School District Treasurer E. F. Houser and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

LOUIS D. MORRILL,
BLANCHE MORRILL,
Auditors

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

February 3, 1925.

To the School Board and Citizens of Canterbury:

The following table compares the five years under the new school law with respect to several important items.

	1919-20	1920-21	1921-22	1922-23	1923-24
No. of schools	4	4	4	5	5
Avr. membership	59	59	63	77	80
% of attendance	87	87	82	90	91
Inst. of tardiness	182	277	410	689	453
Visits by Supt.	31	34	50	66	69
Av. wks. of school	34.75	35.5	34.6	36	36
Paid Teachers	2172	2520	2432	3442	3420
Textbooks & Sup.	128	238	168	166	276.80
Repairs, etc.	26	98	311	100	180.09
H. S. Tuition	532	743	770	602	745.25
Tot. expenditures	\$4792	\$5897	\$6086	\$6727	\$6184.61

The sudden increase in membership in 1922 was caused by the addition of Kezer to the number of public schools. This also, of course, had a decided effect on the costs.

The per cent of attendance has materially improved, though it is still considerably below the state average of 93.46.

The tardiness record, going from bad to worse, improved somewhat last year. The record by schools may be found in the printed report. The average number of tardinesses per pupil of average membership was as follows: Blanchard, 15; Center, 1; Emery, 4; Kezer, 6; Uplands, 2.

The increasing number of visits by the superintendent is given as an introduction to the comment that the refusal of Canterbury to pay its share toward the salary of the superintendent's secretary has not as yet interfered with the continuance of that office. If it should finally do so, it will reduce the efficiency of the superintendent to a considerable degree.

The voters who oppose particular items of expenditure in the meetings of the town or the district usually fall into two distinct classes: First, those who are always found against expenditures, on principle, and oppose any particular item merely as one way to reduce the tax rate. Against this class all argument is hopeless. Their logic is unassailable. We have to repair our bridges, improve our highways, and run our schools in spite of them.

A second class vote down a particular appropriation because they believe that the proposed expenditure will not give the public a service proportionate to its cost. I wish that citizens of this sort would take the time to visit the office in Penacook and investigate thoroughly the work of the secretary, inspect the quarters which the Penacook district is furnishing to the Union free of charge, together with files, adding machine, typewriter, furniture and shelving, look over the invoices of supplies bought in quantities by Penacook's advancing the money, and sold to you and the three other towns of this Union at cost, and balance all service rendered against the \$75 which your district was asked to pay last year toward the secretary's annual salary of \$600, or the \$90 toward this year's salary of \$700.

For the past two years, the Canterbury schools were all open the entire 36 weeks.

The cost of supporting five schools instead of four has placed Canterbury close to the State Aided class. The amount raised at the last two annual meetings exceeded the \$5 tax necessary to secure state aid and by our budget for last year Canterbury received \$56.72 from the state. Our actual expenditures did not equal the estimates of the budget and this amount was owed back to the state at the close of the year in June. Similar conditions are likely to occur for the current year.

While state aid is apportioned on the ESTIMATED expenditures we can *keep*, in the end, only in accordance with our ACTUAL expenditures.

The situation in Canterbury is this: While we have been

hiring most of our teachers for \$720 or less, we have been paying a state tax to help other towns like ours pay \$800 and \$1,000 and more. We have now reached the place where, with no added expense to ourselves, we can either secure better teachers or pay our present teachers what they are worth, as the individual case may be.

The average cost per pupil for maintaining the elementary schools of Canterbury is, next to Loudon, the lowest among the four rural towns of this union. It seems to be very close to the average throughout the state; but state statistics are figured on a basis slightly different from the one I have used so it is impossible to compare exactly.

To those who fear that modern schools are neglecting "The Three R's" I present the following:

In November 1923 five thousand pupils in the eighth grades of the state were tested in spelling and arithmetic. The arithmetic test was one given in 1856 in Springfield, Massachusetts, a city long noted for the excellence of its schools. The average rank for the Springfield ninth grade in 1856 was 29.41%; for the New Hampshire eighth grade in 1923, 49.29%; for Canterbury, 62.5% (1 pupil). On the spelling test the state average was 67.42%, seventy-three towns and cities securing an average of 75% or more. Canterbury's average was 65% (1 pupil).

The teachers of Canterbury, it seems to me, are making a great deal of effort to make your schools good schools. During the past year, as perhaps always, the schools have been the subject of more or less individual criticism. It is entirely possible to improve them considerably when you (all of you) really want them improved. With all due humility as to my own shortcomings, which are pointed out to me from time to time, allow me to say that in four important ways you have a chance to improve them, ways that are entirely beyond my own control.

1. Increased teachers salaries.
2. Willingness to provide teachers with good homes near the schools.

3. Moral support of the teachers by parents, even though the teachers sometimes make mistakes.
4. Improvement of the buildings.

Salaries alone will not tempt good teachers to go to rural schools to-day. Conditions must be made as attractive as the conditions which draw them to other towns, otherwise neither your school board nor I can secure AND KEEP the sort of teachers we need.

Respectfully,

GEORGE W. SUMNER.

THE CALL OF THE ROLL

With reference to our school attendance and tardiness record I regret there is nothing creditable to either our schools or the pupils who attend them, worthy of mention.

This slacker attitude on the part of our scholars as shown by the school registers, bespeaks little else than disloyalty to the laws of school government. A trait that is un-American, intolerable and most unbecoming to the future welfare of any community.

All parents ought to be concerned over this faulty showing and quick to realize the importance of getting young America to school on time.

'As the twig is bent' applies to any boy or girl the world around. To always be present at the roll call in your school days is one omen that is fundamental to future prosperity.

In 1912 our school membership averaged 80 scholars. The roll of honor for that year takes up a page and one-half of the town report. Thirty-six for the spring term, twenty-six for the fall term and twenty for the winter term.

In 1923 our report shows our school membership 87 scholars. If you are keen you will notice only one pupil has the honor of perfect attendance.

This periodic comparison would seem to indicate that modern ideals, modern methods and still more modern supervision are not stepping stones to a full and honorable school membership.

Regardless of modern standards there is only one real excuse for any pupil to be absent or tardy from school. Physically strong pupils should be obliged to attend school regularly, always on time and made to feel its importance. If necessary parents and teachers should work together to bring about this enforcement.

In connection with the forgoing there is no intention on my part to decry the merits or demerits of our

teaching force or others connected with our schools, or discourage those who have tried. Rather, it points out a rank situation in our schools to-day that disqualifies our scholars from the honor they should be made to strive for and respect.

ALVAH H. BLAKE,
Member School Board.

VITAL STATISTICS

Births Registered in the Town of Canterbury for the year ending December 31, 1924.

Date	Name of Child	Sex		Living or still born	Color	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother	Residence of Parents	Occupation of Father	Birthplace of Father	Birthplace of Mother
		Male	Female								
Jan. 2	Kurtin R.	M	L	6	W	Clarence Hollins	Louise Chapman	Canterbury	Farmer	Bradford, Vt.	Haverhill
Feb. 2	Henry J.	M	L	4	W	John A. Beck	Marion E. Fowle	Canterbury	Farmer	Canterbury	Amherst
Feb. 10	Ina F.	F	L	5	W	Ernest Lawrence	Laura Fletcher	Canterbury	Farmer	Dighton, Me.	Canterbury
Feb. 15	Donald C.	M	L	4	W	John Bolton Jr.	Cella J. Blustein	Canterbury	Mech. Engineer	Lawrence, Mass.	Austria
July 1	Eleanor M.	F	L	7	W	David F. Boyd	Henrietta Duffin	Canterbury	Machinist	Ireland	Ireland
July 3	Baby	M	L	1	W	L'wel'n Hammett	Christine Hanson	Canterbury	Machinist	Portchester, Mass.	England
July 19	Everett A.	M	L	3	W	Harry A. Drew	Gladys Hilliard	Belmont	Laborer	Grafton	Canterbury
Aug. 29	Mildred S.	F	L	4	W	Geo. E. Briggs	Nathalie Fife	Canterbury	Laborer	Rochester, Mass.	Tilton
Sept. 12	Dorothy P.	F	L	1	W	Arthur Sargent	Jennie Sargent	Canterbury	Laborer	Canterbury	Canterbury
Sept. 29	Wendell D.	M	L	9	W	Walter Sargent	Bernice Leavett	Canterbury	None	East Concord	Northwood
Oct. 30	Charles Jr.	M	L	1	W	Chas. Gilman	Lillian Hanaford	Canterbury	Farmer	Canterbury	Canterbury
Nov. 13	Laura	F	L	1	W	Herman R. Colby	Alice Kenny	Canterbury	Farmer	Canterbury	Whitefield, Me.
Dec. 24		F	L	12	W	Erwin Follansbee	Mary Grant	Canterbury	Laborer	Grafton	Scotland

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

HARRY H. HOUSER, Town Clerk.

Marriages Registered in the Town of Canterbury for the year ending December 31, 1924.

Date	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride	Residence of each at time of marriage	Age	Occupation of groom and bride	Place of Birth of each	Names of Parents	Birthplace of Parents	No. marriage	Name, residence and official station of person by whom married
June	14 Wm. Albert Bastile	Canterbury	26	Farmer	Deerfield	Joseph Bastile	Canada	1	Thomas J. Cate
	Hazel G. Batcher	Canterbury	23	At home	Canterbury	Vitaline Gamlin	Canada	1	Bap. minister
Aug.	13 Edmund G. Whiston	Canterbury	40	Farmer	England	Ulesses G. Batcher	Canada	1	Meredith
	Adeline Wells	Canterbury	40	At home	Massachusetts	Ina B. Chase	Thornton	2	John W. Stanley
Oct.	11 Carl D. Peverly	Canterbury	29	Farmer	Canterbury	Geo. Whiston	England	1	Jus. of Peace
	Leola F. Houser	Canterbury	24	School teacher	Canterbury	Maria Knobs	England	1	Concord
						Reuben Wells	Sutton	1	Edward Sanborn
						Hortence Deleatia	England	1	Clergyman
						John S. Peverly	Canterbury	1	Canterbury
						Leola Mae Dow	Canterbury	1	Canterbury
						Joseph M. Houser	Canterbury	1	Canterbury
						Stella N. Howe	Canterbury	1	Canterbury

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

HARRY H. HOUSER, Town Clerk.

Deaths Registered in the Town of Canterbury for the year ending December 31, 1924.

Date	Name and surname of the deceased	Age		Place of Birth	Occupation	Place of Birth		Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother	
		Years	Months			Mother	Father			
			Days							
Jan.	25 Joseph W. Scales...	86	8	Canterbury	M W Farmer	Canterbury	Canterbury	Joseph W. Scales	Sarah Shaw	
Feb.	8 Harriett Snyder...	43	7	Lake, Ohio	S Retired	Canterbury	Canterbury	Daniel Snyder	Emma Hodgman	
Feb.	19 Marion E. Beck...	54	3	Amherst	M Housewife	Amherst	Bedford	Joseph E. Fowle	Hannah Kendall	
Apr.	27 Charlie F. Stewart...	18	6	Warner	M Farmer	Canterbury	Canterbury	Hiram Stewart	Bertha A. Grover	
Apr.	28 Hazel W. Hirtle...	18	5	Canterbury	S At home	Nova Scotia	Canterbury	Sterling Hirtle	Eliza Ann Dodge	
Apr.	28 Edna E. Fitts...	77	9	Canterbury	S Domestic	Candia	Grantham	Edward D. Fitts	Amos Hollins	
July	5 Geo. W. Hollins...	67	5	Pittsburg	M Farmer	England	Canterbury	Joseph M. Foster	Ellz. B. Fellows	
Sept.	21 Susan A. Houser...	77	4	Canterbury	W Retired	Canterbury	Canterbury	Joseph Joslyn	Mary Hastings	
Oct.	12 Mary Ann Joslyn...	80	11	Johnson, Vt.	S Domestic	Johnson, Vt.	Northwood	Walter Sargent	Bernice Leavett	
Oct.	2 Wendal D. Sargent	11	2	Canterbury	Infant	East Concord	Northfield	John Hanson	Alice Arlin	
Nov.	20 Mary C. Carter...	87	9	Boscawen	W Retired	Lee	Northfield	John Hanson	Alice Arlin	

(Bodies Brought to Town for Interment)

May	16 Mary Eliza Carter	77	1	16	Canterbury	M Housewife	Canterbury	John Colburn	Abby Blanchard
Oct.	5 Nellie C. Hopkins	43	5	9	Canterbury	F M	Newbury	Frank O. Pickard	Mary Lee
May	9 Frank A. Pickard	55	8	23	Canterbury	M W Sawyer	Canterbury	John F. French	Jocina Towle
Nov.	23 Lizzie F. Jones	64	1	23	Bristol	F W Housewife	Chichester	John F. French	Jocina Towle

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

HARRY H. HOUSER, Town Clerk.

